(ख) कुछ होटलों की नुकसान उठाने की स्थिति, मुख्य रूप से प्रतिकूल पर्यटन दृश्य लेख, प्रतियोगी वातावरण, लम्बी वहनीय अवधि आदि के कारण है ।

(ग) होटल के निष्पादन में सुधार लाने के लिए भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम द्वारा उठाए गए/उठाए जा रहे कदमों में उत्साही विपणन प्रयास, विशेष टैरिफ/पैकेजों को शुरु करना, होटल प्रोपर्टीज मोनिटरिंग का उन्नयन/सुधार करना तथा उपयुक्त प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करके प्रचालन लागत पर नियंत्रण रखना; मानव संसाधन का विकास करना शामिल है ।

Facilities for the development of Buddhist places

1008. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ancient centres associated with Lord Buddha such a Vaishali, Bodh Gaya and Rajgir/Nalanda in Bihar and sarnath in Uttar Pradesh attract large number of international travellers every year;

(b) if so, whether any steps been taken for the enhancement of travel and other facilities at these places and what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any policy to promote tourist traffic to this area which can be promoted on an international basis?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Recognising the potential of Vaishali, Bodhgaya and Rajgir/Nalanda and Sarnath which draw large number of Overseas tourists, a Task Force was constituted in the Department in 1986 to identify locations for development of infrastructure facilities along the Buddhist circuit in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Subsequently, a detailed project was proposed for loan assistance from Government of Japan. The major components of the project are strengthening of National and State Highways, landscaping, augmentation of water and electricity supply and setting up of wayside amenities. The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan has agreed to extend financial assistance to the tune of 7.70 billion Japanese Yen for this project, which is presently under implementation.

Joint venture Tata-Singapore Airlines project

1009. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is going to be a joint venture Tata-Singapore Airlines project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) An application has been received from M/s. Tata Industries for setting up a joint venture domestic airline in collaboration with Singapore Airlines.

(c) No decision has yet been taken by the Government.

Staff position in ITDC

1010. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many units/establishments/departments in ITDC were closed down during the last three years, year-wise figures and details thereof including the name, officials and employees;

(b) how many officials and employees have taken voluntary retirement as on date, year-wise figures/or the last three years;

(c) how many officials were recruited wise figures and category-wise details years, details of each such recruitment.

(d) how many officials were promoted in ITDC during the last three years, year-wise figures and category-wise details thereof;